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Re: DNS 17-053

Dear Ms. Wood:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the determination of nonsignificance for the Durr Road Bridge Repair project. We have reviewed the documents and have the following comments.

### **WATER QUALITY**

This project is within the area of two water quality improvement programs (also known as Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) programs). The proposed project must address the requirements of the TMDLs:

- 1) The Upper Yakima Suspended Sediment, Turbidity and Organochlorine Pesticide TMDL restricts the addition of sediment to waters within the TMDL area. The proposed project will need to protect Umtanum Creek from degradation caused by adding sediment to the creek. Project planning, development, and use of the site needs to include water quality protection.
- 2) The Upper Yakima River Tributaries Temperature TMDL requires that all existing streamside vegetation be protected, and more riparian vegetation should be added wherever possible. Additionally, this TMDL requires that sediment input from roads and adjacent road structures be prevented wherever possible.

Contact **Jane Creech** at (509) 454-7860 or [jton461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:jton461@ecy.wa.gov) if you have questions about these TMDL programs.

Sincerely,

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